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Warriors, Generals Defeated

Arlington Teams Lose in Non-District Grid Action

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In a battle of the fields, the Wakefield Warriors weren't able to dig out of a 14-0 hole Friday night, in an eventual 35-14 loss to the host Hayfield Hawks in non-district high school football action.

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Wakefield fell to 0-2 with the loss.

In other non-district weekend action, the Washington-Lee Generals (1-1) were blanked by the visiting Chantilly Chargers, 42-0, on Saturday night.

In Wakefield's game, the Warriors cut the lead to 14-7 when Andre Allen passed to Romeo Gaffney for a 36-yard touchdown strike and Rodrick Likonko booted the extra point.

Hayfield (1-1) then built the lead back to 23-7 before Wakefield scored again, on Allen's 44-yard pass to Isaiah Cruz, but the two-point conversion attempt failed.

Goffney scored on a one-yard run for Wakefield's final TD, then Johnathan Ford threw to

Lee's Charlie Fuller, who had multiple long runs in game one against Dominion in check by Chantilly on Saturday. PHOTO BY WILLIAM STEWART PHOTOGRAPHY

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DaShawn Grady for the two-point conversion.

"We waited too long to start playing football," Wakefield coach Keith Powell said. "We just have to start playing football from the start and to come out with more urgency."

Said Goffney: "We need to be more focused [all game long]."

Goffney's scoring run and a two-point conversion cut Hayfield's lead to 29-21. The scoring drive included two Allen completions of 37 yards to Ford and 17 to Boubacar Diallo.

"Jon [Ford] is very athletic," Grady said in reference to the two-point conversion. "He rolled out and made a real nice pass that I was able to grab."

A late Hayfield TD evaporated all hope for the Warriors to rally for a victory.

"We're a more physical team than we were last year, but we're still suffering from a lack of discipline," said Powell, Wakefield's second-year coach. "I'm not bummed out or anything like that. I knew this was going to be a tough job when I was first named coach. No one is going to lie down for Wakefield this year."

On defense for Wakefield, Diallo and Devon Hill had tackles for losses.

On offense, Allen completed 7 of 11 passes for 144 yards and Ford was 3 for 3 for 59 yards passing. Ford caught four passes for 72 yards, Boubacar had two catches for 33 yards, Goffney had two for 48 and Cruz one for 44. Cruz had one carry for 23 yards rushing and Allen three for nine.

Wakefield's offensive line consisted of



Washington-Lee High School running back Keith Johnson and the Generals fell to 1-1 with a loss to Chantilly.

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Michael Nash, Curtis Smith, Nathaniel Oteyza, Pat Beckley and Tarek Aburish.

For Washington-Lee in its loss, turnovers and some penalties were costly. Generals coach Josh Shapiro knew the game was going to be difficult. Chantilly is a bigger Division 6 school and the Chargers finished second in the 2006 Group AAA state tournament.

The Generals stopped Chantilly on its initial possession Saturday night when Rob Hemstreet intercepted a Chargers pass.

Chantilly, though, quickly recovered a W-L fumble that was returned for a touchdown, giving the Chargers the lead for good.

"The wheels started to fall off there and things just snowballed," Shapiro said. "We didn't get much done offensively and mistakes hurt us, but the guys played hard."

Washington-Lee hosts the Fairfax Rebels (1-1) this Friday night at 7:30 in another non-district game.